1	2	3
Sudan	32.0	101.0
Syria	205.0	832.0
Taiwan	75.0	96.0
Tanzania Republic	64.0	96.2
Thailand	261.0	1074.5
Tunisia	0.0	0.0
Turkey	75.0	532.0
Uganda	14.0	0.0
UAE	2320.8	2590.0
UK	•17.0	0.0
USA	15.0	0.0
Vietnam Soc. Rep.	0.0	17.0
Yemen Republic	241.5	3866.4
Zimbabwe	0.0	- 0.2
TOTAL:	26,562.9	40,462.6

Source: DGCIS. Kolkata

Investment in Agriculture

1199. SHRI SITARAM YECHURY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the investment in agriculture as proportion of GDP has gone down from 2.1 in 2003 to 1.7 during recent times;

(b) the reasons for such a drastic fall to the tune of 20 per cent in just three years; and

(c) the details of the composition of allocations for public investment on agriculture in the year and progress till January, 2007?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) The investment in agriculture measured in terms of Gross Capital Formation (GCF), as proporation of GDP has gone down in real terms (at 1999-2000 prices) from 2.1 per cent in 2002-03 to 1.9 percent during the period 2003-04 to 2005-06. The public investment as per centage of GDP has increased from 0.36 per cent in 2002-03 to

0.47 per cent in 2005-06, whereas the private investment as a per centage of GDP has shown a decline from 1.75 per cent in 2002-03 to 1.45 per cent in the year 2005-06.

(c) According to the latest estimates released by Central Statistical Organisation (CSO), the public investment in agriculture mainly through irrigation works (major, medium and minor irrigation schemes) stands at Rs. 13219 crore in 2005-06 as against Rs. 10267 crore in 2004-05 at 1999-2000 prices.

Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on cotton

1200. DR. MAM. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a)whether Government are implementing the Mini Mission-ll of the Technology Mission on cotton in some States;

(b)if so, the details thereof;

(c)whether the objectives of the above scheme has been achieved;

(d)if so, the details thereof;

(e)if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the steps taken by Government to further assist the cotton farmers in suicide prone areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) to (f) Technology Mission on Cotton, a. Centrally Sponsored Scheme, is under implementation in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Haryana, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa, Punjab Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal.

There has been a substantial increase in production and productivity of cotton since the start of the scheme in 2000-01. Production has increased from 95.24 lakh bales in 2000-01 to 209.64 lakh bales in 2006-07 with the yield increase from 190 kg lint per hectare to 389 kg lint per hectare in the corresponding period.